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DEPT PLS PASS PRESIDENT'S PARTY FOR SECRETARY VANCE  
FROM DEPSEC CHRISTOPHER

DEPT FOR TARNOFF

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PEPR, OVIP, TU(CHRISTOPHER, WARREN)

SUBJ: SECOND MEETING WITH TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT,  
MARCH 29

REF: ANKARA 2342

1. AT THE OPENING OF 5:30 P.M. MEETING MARCH 29  
PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AND I HAD A PRIVATE  
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MEETING LASTING FORTY-FIVE MINUTES. THE RESULTS  
WERE POSITIVE. ECEVIT INDICATED THAT IF THE  
PRESIDENT WERE TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ALONG LINES  
OF THE PROGRAM WHICH I OUTLINED THIS MORNING,  
WITHOUT CONDITIONING IT ON ANY ACTION RELATED TO  
CYPRUS, HE OR DENKTASH WOULD SOME DAYS THEREAFTER  
PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THEIR PROPOSALS FOR CYPRUS. HE

INDICATED THAT HE HOPED THE TIMING WOULD BE SUCH SO THAT SUCH A TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE MADE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE APRIL 6 HEARING SO THAT IT WOULD NOT JAM UP TOO CLOSELY TO TIME OF HEARING. ECEVIT STRESSED THAT GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS SHOULD BE LEFT TO WORK OUT CYPRUS PROBLEM WITHOUT PRESSURE FROM OTHERS. HE FEELS IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF THE CYPRUS PROPOSALS WERE TO BE MADE THE FOCUS OF CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE.

2. I TOLD ECEVIT THAT I WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE AT AN EARLY DATE. I SAID THE PRESIDENT'S CURRENT TRAVEL PRESENTS LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS AND MIGHT AFFECT THE TIMING. AS PART OF SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT, ECEVIT AGREED THAT WE COULD STATE THAT THE U.S. AND TURKEY HAD MUTUALLY AGREED TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW DEFENSE (DCA) AGREEMENT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DEVELOPMENTS SINCE NEGOTIATION OF THE MARCH 1976 DCA. I WILL SEND YOU FROM NAPLES OR BONN LATER TONIGHT A DRAFT OF A PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

3. ECEVIT AND I ALSO DISCUSSED HOW THE PRESS SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE INTERIM. ECEVIT WAS VERY UNDERSTANDING ON THIS POINT AND AGREED THAT HE WOULD MAKE A POSITIVE BUT BLAND STATEMENT MARCH 30 WITHOUT ANY DETAILS OF PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS. HE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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SENSITIVE FOR THE NEED FOR THE WHITEHOUSE TO ANNOUNCE PRESIDENT'S INTENTION TO SEEK REMOVAL OF THE EMBARGO. ECEVIT'S MARCH 30 STATEMENT WILL BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: ECEVIT WILL SAY THAT A NEW DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TURKISH AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS BEGAN WITH VISIT OF SECRETARY VANCE TO ANKARA IN JANUARY WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY FURTHER GROUND WORK ON BOTH SIDES TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO REVITALIZE TURKISH-U.S. RELATIONS. MY VISIT PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONDUCT CERTAIN IMPORTANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE POLITICAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS BUILDING ON THE WORK DONE PREVIOUSLY. PRESIDENT CARTER HAD SOME SUGGESTIONS WHICH WERE DISCUSSED AND I WILL CARRY BACK TO WASHINGTON TURKISH VIEWS. ECEVIT WILL ALSO REFER TO CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENTS AND HIS HOPE THAT AN IMPORTANT LANDMARK HAS BEEN REACHED AND POSITIVE RESULTS WILL FOLLOW. HE WILL INDICATE THAT BOTH SIDES WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO MAKE MORE CONCRETE DISCLOSURES UNTIL AFTER THE RESULTS OF MY VISIT HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO THE PRESIDENT.

4. WITHOUT PROMPTING FROM ME, ECEVIT DESCRIBED IN GREAT CONFIDENCE THE NATURE OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT TO CYPRUS. MY IMPRESSION WAS POSITIVE. I WILL BE REPORTING FURTHER ON THIS SUBSEQUENTLY. I TOLD ECEVIT I GREATLY APPRECIATED THE CONFIDENCE HE HAD SHOWN IN PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION WHICH I PROMISED TO SEE WAS HELD CLOSELY.

5. ECEVIT ALSO GAVE ME A READO-OUT ON HIS MEETING WITH CARAMANLIS WHICH WAS AT LEAST AS POSITIVE AS WE HAD HEARD PREVIOUSLY. I WILL ALSO REPORT ON THIS FURTHER SUBSEQUENTLY. (THE GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERALS WILL MEET IN ANKARA APRIL 14-16.) I EXPLAINED  
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TO ECEVIT THAT WE HOPED TO BRIEF CARAMANLIS SOMETIME THIS WEEK AND OBTAIN HIS CONCURRENCE THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO SHARE WITH CARAMANLIS OUR PROPOSALS CONCERNING TURKEY. WE THEN JOINED LARGER GROUP(SEPTEL)

6. DEPUTY SECRETARY DICATED FORGOING HASTILY WHILE ECEVIT WAS WAITING TO SEE HIM, BUT HE WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS SUMMARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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